

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am the owner and CEO of a small ISP (6,000 dial up customers) in Central Minnesota. Qwest is the ILEC that serves much of this area. DSL has been promised in 2002, but I'm not holding my breath.

Our customers stay with us for the local and personal support that we offer. Some have left for high speed cable access through Charter and a few have even come back for the local support.

The answer to having the general population HAPPY and USING broadband internet is giving small ISP's such as me ACCESS. Giving more power to the Cable and ILECS is NOT the answer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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